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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger

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1. John Steele, of TIME magazine, called me this afternoon to say that he had been commissioned to write a "box" in the upcoming issue on the CIA analytical performance as brought out in THE NEW YORK TIMES series of the last three days. He wanted me on background or any other basis to give him further details about the Agency's performance. I declined. I said that I had taken the brickbats when they were flying in the past and that just because the Agency came in for what he termed "favorable notice" did not change me in my view that additional leaking was not a proper course for me to take. I told him I thought that the series of articles had done enough harm and that I was not prepared to contribute anything about what had appeared or what else the Agency might have contributed. He obviously did not like this rejoinder, and I have no doubt he will be talking to John McCone and Admiral Raborn.

2. The foregoing is for your information in the event that this subject should arise after the appearance of TIME next week.

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Richard Helms
Director

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